

# Men, Books, People & Things by Edgar Allan Poe

As the time has come for Governor Pinkham's reappointment or the appointment of his successor, we, the people, are naturally interested, and read with avidity the various reports now current.

As usual, the McCandless faction (and that includes a number of respectable Democrats who are not independent enough to abandon the Pauahi principles as proclaimed at the last famous luan) has put its foot in it. With fool precision, and a strange lack of savoir faire, its members have disgusted even the Democratic congressmen who evidently came here with open minds.

Insistent recommendations of particular individuals without regard to the interests of the territory, the unmitigated condemnation of Mr. Pinkham and his administration, have opened the eyes of at least a number of the congressmen, as the perfectly disgraceful scramble for the governorship some years ago by local politicians here disgusted the President, Mr. Lane and others in Washington.

The reticence and dignity which Mr. Pinkham has maintained while his interests are at stake have impressed the congressmen, just as the same qualities in him did the officials in Washington four years ago.

Prof. Bryan did not participate in the melee, but Messrs. Bryan, Trent, Waller, Watson and others supposedly eligible have not withdrawn their support from McCandless, and no man who supports Mr. McCandless and his platform can ever hope to be governor of Hawaii. The only political hope for Mr. McCandless and his friends is to keep pegging away at the polls, where in time the peculiar influences which Mr. McCandless can so well use to advantage may bring him victory.

Judge Coke is already lodged. He sought the judiciary with the people's approval, and got it. He is doing well where he is, and I think he ought not to be disturbed for a job I imagine he is not thinking about. That is, if he has the dignity and good sense I think he has he will not think of accepting anything but a reappointment when the time comes.

Mr. Huber—well, the same may be said about him. He's good timber, there's no doubt about that, but he's busy at his own job doing it well, and I'm pretty sure he wouldn't think of entering the fight.

No Republican stands any chance whatever. Dr. Hobdy, who is a Democrat, and, as I know, persona grata in Washington, wouldn't think of leaving his practice for anything except the front. I'd call him a fool if he did.

All this talk about Senator King's approval of Mr. McCandless' candidacy, because the latter has seen and entertained the senator and his friends to see and entertain him, is rather unthinking. Our senators are not blame fools. And Senator King is pretty markedly not a fool. He is sizing up the situation, and while he may be very grateful to our local politicians for their social favors and shake hands with them when they call upon him in Washington, he is not going to compromise his character as a public man by recommending for office any individual or individuals who would be a positive detriment to the territory at large.

Not much. And if you don't believe it, just watch out!

I regard the chances of Mr. Clinton Hutchins for the governorship about as good as I should those of a Prohibitionist for the presidency.

Why should Mr. Hutchins, who has been a non-resident for several years, be rewarded with the governorship of Hawaii because he did some campaigning for Wilson in California? Mr. Hutchins might be given a consulship in South America, but I am sure Mr. Wilson has too much sense of the fitness of things to use Hawaii in this way. Without regard to the man at all, the principle is wrong.

Now as to Governor Pinkham himself, we must deal with facts as they are. Mr. Kent of California stood sponsor for him before he was appointed and Mr. Kent was in close touch with the President and Mr. Lane.

The latter, too, liked Mr. Pinkham's personality and attitude as much as he disliked that of several of the Democrats who were trying to get a hearing for their own personal interests.

Nobody likes a persistent office-seeker.

Besides, Mr. Pinkham went with good recommendations from Republicans and Democrats alike; and behind him was a good record for honest administration as executive officer of the board of health.

I may say that my own recommendation of him was filed during Mr. Roosevelt's administration, and again during Mr. Wilson's.

It evidently did him no good in the first, and no harm in the last.

If the secretary of the interior wasn't clear as to Mr. Pinkham's loyalty to the Democratic party as a party, he considered him quite a man. The appointment wasn't confirmed for a long time. There was an active fight over it by Williams, a very clever man, and others.

These men are not dead, and they haven't withdrawn their opposition.

Finally, after a long hold-up and characteristic obstinacy on the president's part, his preference was allowed, and Governor Pinkham arrived much to the surprise of many here. His was a typically dark horse campaign.

At this time there was no war. The president was not weary with things. His congress had rather resisted him, and aroused his opposition.

Now it is quite different. Everything has been granted the president, all his numerous demands. He is pleased with congress.

Mr. Kent is no longer an active supporter of the governor.

On the other hand, Senator Phelan

will probably oppose Pinkham, as certainly shall Williams, James and several others of influence in congress.

While the honesty of our governor's purpose and his dignified attitude will hold him in good stead; while ugly, scurrilous reports may help him, these things will not be enough to secure his appointment.

Having succeeded in his appointment of four years ago, the president will hardly feel like precipitating another and harder fight for the reappointment of Mr. Pinkham.

Neither will Mr. Lane care to emphasize his personal preference to the extent it will be necessary to do so in order to put Mr. Pinkham in for another four years.

Right or wrong, the homesteader matter has not helped the governor. The tendency abroad is to take an opposite view of the situation. And so I find among the congressmen.

And right or wrong, at this time of deep and aroused feeling the governor's unfortunate act of courtesy toward Dr. Schurmann's unhappiness, worse than it is. While we who know the governor must believe that it doesn't give positive evidence of pro-Germanism—that, indeed, the governor could not be anything but a loyal American, we must deem the foreword to such a book exceedingly ill timed and a sad slip of good judgment such as sometimes happens to the best of us.

Yet the fact is this approval of a suppressed book has hurt Mr. Pinkham more in Washington than it has here, and if Mr. Pinkham is reappointed we shall hear the whole rehearsal of the painful episode.

Now what this territory wants is not to be taken unawares. In the lapse of official action and later, when it is decided not to reappoint Governor Pinkham, we must accept the situation and have a good man ready for the gap. We must begin now to groom our dark horse. He must be a Democrat. He must be worthy. He must be above any stigma of self-seeking and small politics. He must be advertised by Democrats and Republicans who are working for the best interests of Hawaii.

If he meets with this general approval at home and we present his name at the right time in the right way, there can be no opposition to him in the house, and he probably will be appointed. It is the evident wish of President Wilson and Mr. Lane and of congress, too, to serve the best interests of Hawaii.

Such premeditated preparation as we may easily provide will save us from having foisted upon the territory a man essentially disqualified to serve as its chief executive.

**EPITOME OF CONGRESS' WORK SINCE WAR STARTED**

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weight capacity will be approximately 5,000,000 tons.

Thus, the shipping board has under construction and contemplation a total tonnage of nearly 11,000,000 dead-weight capacity.

The total authorization for this work is approximately \$1,799,000,000 for the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation. Of this amount the appropriation is \$1,085,000,000, including the amount carried in the recent act. The authorization will carry the emergency fleet corporation's building program well into the year 1919, but a very large part of the 1,039 vessels now under construction will be completed during the calendar year 1918.

In addition to the tonnage being constructed by the emergency fleet corporation, there have been taken over 103 German interned vessels with a total tonnage of 611,799 dead-weight tons. All of these except 20, with a tonnage of 120,500 tons, have been repaired and are now in the service of the army and navy, or the allied governments. The remaining 20 are still in process of repair and will be similarly employed when the work on them is completed.

In addition, 14 Austrian interned ships have been acquired for the use of the United States and our allies. Their tonnage aggregates 88,505 tons.

**FOOD ADMINISTRATION**

The passing of the food-control bill was followed by the appointment by the president of Herbert Hoover as food administrator. An immediate appeal was issued to the country for assistance in the task of encouraging the production and conservation of food and the prevention of hoarding and manipulation of prices. The women of the country were mobilized for service and thousands registered for membership in the food administration.

On August 12 the food administration announced its plans for the control of wheat, flour, and bread, and two days later the president by proclamation, required elevator operators and millers of wheat and rye to procure licenses.

The president named a committee on August 15 to determine a fair basic price to be paid in governmental purchases of wheat, and appointed Dr. Harry A. Garfield as chairman. On August 30 the president announced the fair wheat price as recommended by the committee. The food administration grain corporation had been chartered on August 16, with Julius H. Barnes as president.

September 17 the president, by proclamation, required importers of sugar and manufacturers of sugar, sugar sirups, and molasses to secure licenses, and September 20, 1917, an international sugar committee was formed to arrange for the distribution of the available sugar supply.

The Amer'-an schooner Jennie E. Righter was sunk by a submarine off Cape Villano, Spain.

## LA FOLLETTE TO BEHAVE, ELSE WILL LOSE SEAT

So Far Has Not Exceeded His  
Right, But Congress Will  
Watch Him Closely

If Senator La Follette of Wisconsin doesn't behave himself during the next session of congress, he is going to find himself in hot water; if he is guilty of any conduct inimical to the welfare of the nation or if he should repeat the sentiments expressed in his Milwaukee speech he is apt to be expelled.

Such is the consensus of opinion among members of the congressional delegation.

Sensor Myers while deploring the attitude of Senator La Follette as indicative by his speeches two months ago does not believe that the senator from Wisconsin has really exceeded his constitutional rights and therefore cannot legally and justly be expelled from congress because of his sentiments expressed. Senator Myers, however, does believe that the Badger state solon has failed to comport himself as a true American and is therefore subject to criticism; but he has not in itself been guilty of treason. Neither has the Wisconsin representative expressed the feeling of his constituents says Senator Myers, because while there is a large German element

in Wisconsin, the state as a whole is giving unqualified indorsement to President Wilson and the conduct of the war.

But the forthcoming congress in the opinion of Senator Myers will not tolerate further repetition of the incidents that led up to the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges of un-Americanism lodged against Senator La Follette. This committee will bring in its report at the next session but Senator Myers does not believe that it will recommend his expulsion; probably the report will censure Senator La Follette for lack of loyalty in the national crisis but every senator has the right to express his sentiments no matter how ill-timed they are or how lacking in support of a common cause, he says.

Sensor La Follette by his efforts to block every piece of war legislation has brought down on his head not only the wrath of congress but the wrath of his own constituents as well and the feeling is that he will not be reelected, though he still has five years to serve, having been returned only last fall.

But the temper of congress is such that Senator La Follette had best take care how he expresses himself and votes during the next session. Congress is willing to overlook his faux pas this time hoping the incident will serve as a warning and perhaps convert him to the real American view. But it will not stand idly by and watch the senator go to extremes; if that should come to pass, there is little doubt in the mind of Senator Myers the senate will show him little mercy. One reasonable act or word will be the signal for his conviction.

Sensor La Follette is not the only senator to bring down the wrath of his constituents, Senator Stone of

Missouri and Senator Gore of Oklahoma as well as Senator Hardwick are persona non grata with the people of their states because of their lack of support of the President's desires.

This trio is excoriated by their constituents and there is no chance in the world for them to be returned to the senate when their present terms expire.

## HOLLAND NOT AT WAR BUT CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS PREVAIL

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands. — Although Holland is not at war, it has its conscientious objectors, and the problem which they constitute may be brought more prominently before the Netherlands parliament in the coming session. An instance is related of a struggle between a party of soldiers and an objector, who refused to change his civilian for his military clothes. In the end the man sat naked in his cell for a day and a night, and was transferred from one prison to the other in like condition.

Men who have refused to do military duty in the Netherlands now number 150. Some proved not strong enough physically to endure imprisonment. The will of others was broken and they were induced to take service. Others persisted in their attitude despite repeated sentences of months of imprisonment.

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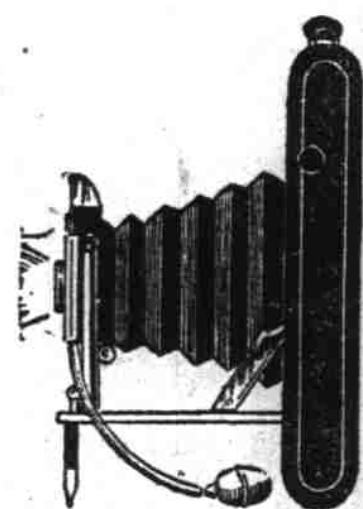
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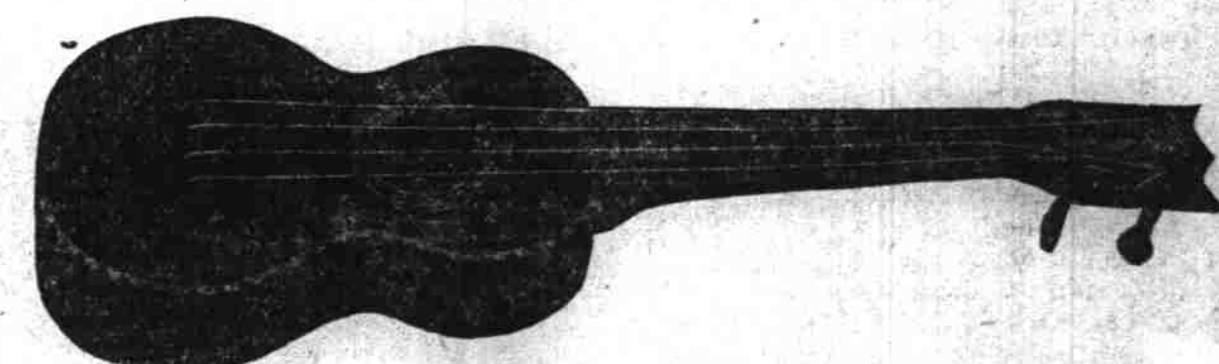
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